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Actual cost

As someone that is constantly working to reduce the amount of energy I use I would like to add this comment for consideration. I believe that electric power is a must for Californians. I was very disappointed when tiers were replaced with time of use. My electric provider SMUD, charges a monthly connection fee of 23.05. Which does not include any energy. My energy use is most often between 100-150 kwhs/month. Yet someone that has a pool and hot tube and a huge house pays the same connection fee. I subsidise these large users, yet they are the ones placing wear and tear on the system.

While I am able to adjust the time for much of my energy use, this is not true for all my use. It is not true for a single parent with a couple small children. School starts and ends at a set time. Work hours are often not adjustable. And some tasks end up having to be during peak times. So when you consider the actual cost per kwh, it is higher than the big users.

Time of use also does not seem to consider renewables. Rates are at the highest while solar is still available.